

HENRY RUSSELL HOUSE
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H.A.B.S. No WIS-138

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Historic American Building Survey
Alexander C. Guth, District Officer
1249 North Franklin Place, Milwaukee, Wis.

RUSSELL FARMHOUSE
(Near) Rochester, Racine County, Wisconsin.

Owner. Joseph A. Dobson.

Date of Erection. 1850

Architect. Not known

Builder. Henry Russell

Present Condition. Good

Number of Stories. One and one-half

Materials of Construction. Foundation walls are of limestone
laid in rubble fashion. Oak framing. Fine
trim, exterior and interior.

Other Existing Records. None known

Additional Data. (See following pages.)

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This farmhouse is located on an old dirt road about two and one-half miles southwest of the city of Rochester, Wisconsin. It was built by one named Henry Russell. He was a cabinet-maker who had emigrated from Cabot, Vermont, in 1850.

The foundation walls are of limestone laid in rubble fashion. Oak timbers cut in the nearby forests were used for the framing and pine for the trim both inside and out.

The house was in the possession of descendants of the original owner up to 1926, when it was acquired by Joseph A. Dobson. His son is the present tenant (1935).

The house is a typical farmhouse of the type found in many localities in the state of Wisconsin, except that it is better and purer in design. By this is meant that the design has the refinements of the work of the "down east" colonial work where the builder was trained. The cornices and the delicately moulded pilasters betray all this early environment.

This house is a perfect gem in its modest way. Well proportioned roof lines, finely wrought cornice and pilasters and excellent window treatments are all factors which give to the house the distinction that it possesses.

Reviewed 1936, H.C.F.

Henry M. Butth
District Officer.